

DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Special Meeting on Grant Funding
Thursday Feb. 11, 2016
6:30 to 7:30 pm

- **Welcome/Introductions**

- Meeting was opened by Chair Ada Loo
- Introductions were made by all present and on the phone
- Attendance:
 - CAPIA -- Ada Loo; Martha Watanabe; Surjeet Ahluwalia (also AALEAD); Thu Nguyen; Dana Tai Soon Burgess (also DTSBDC), Ben Takai
 - Grantees – Fiona Oliphant (DVRP); Naznin (APALRC); Shirley Woo (CSC)
 - MOAPIA – David Do

- **Agenda Items**

- Chair Loo opened the special meeting to provide background on why the special meeting was called – to address the new grant process and the delays in the release of funds, as well as setting expectations for next grant funding years.
- Grants Process FY2017
 - All applicants are required to apply online via the Zoom System
 - Performance requirement to attend 10 MOAPIA events has been removed because it was not stipulated in the original RFA.
 - OAA, OLA, and MOAPIA has now streamlined the process. A grant facilitator was hired and MOAPIA's paperwork submitted to the facilitator who had no problems with what was being submitted
 - FY2016 Timeline -- Previous years, RFA was released in August, but was released two months late and grantees were announced in January. First release of funds will likely be on March 7th (covering 2 fiscal quarters) and then two subsequent releases after that. MOAPIA is in the PO process at this time.
- Priorities for Grants
 - Discussion regarding funding priorities were mentioned. 15 organizations submitted an application that covered \$600,000. MOAPIA decided to distribute \$213,000 among the 8 organizations. MOCA approved Director Do's recommendations. Funding was provided to two organizations – APALRC and Housing Counseling Services concerning affordable housing issues. AALEAD funding was less than this year, with an increase in funding for health initiatives – HBI-DC and CSC (language access). Multi-year funding was asked and Director Do said that this cannot be done because funding levels change every year, priorities change and grants are not guaranteed. Question concerning reporting – Dory Peters will follow-up with grantees on the reporting/grant monitoring process.
- Communications Structure for MOAPIA and MOCA – There is a need to establish open-lines of communication between MOAPIA and grantees. Chair Loo encourages grantees to also reach out to the Commission.
